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Enclosed herewith for filing under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the following divisional application of the prior, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/308,385, filed December 2, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/619,870, filed July 20, 2000, now abandoned, and are hereby incorporated into the present divisional application by reference.

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Title of application: METHOD FOR DECHUCKING A SUBSTRATE

Pages of specification: 17 (4 pages of claims and 1 page abstract)

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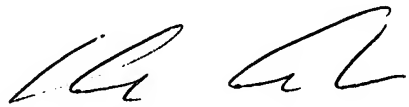
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Also enclosed herewith for filing in connection with the enclosed application are:

- X A copy of the executed Declaration.
- X New divisional specification claiming priority to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/308,385, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/619,870, now abandoned.
- X Claim(s) to priority under 35 U.S.C. §120:
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| 09/619,870 | July 20, 2000 (now abandoned) |
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- X No payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred in application 10/308,385.
- X The Assignment of the prior application 09/619,870 from the co-inventors to Applied Materials, Inc., remains in effect for the subject divisional application.
- X Recordation sheet executed on October 17, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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